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SUBJECT: EC DRIVE TOWARD BILATERALISM

1. OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP ASKED TO SEE
ME URGENTLY YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT
ABOVE SUBJECT. SPEAKING AS EUROPEAN STATESMAN RATHER
THAN OECD HEAD, VAN LENNEP WORRIED ABOUT STEADY TREND
OF EC, UNDER FRENCH PRESSURE, TO MOVE AWAY FROM OPEN
MULTILATERAL SYSTEM TO SERIES OF BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING.

2. HE REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE PERMREP TO
OECD, AMBASSADOR YOSHINO, WHO TOOK SAME POSITION AS HE
HAS WITH ME ABOUT RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.
ACCORDING TO YOSHINO, FRENCH IN TOKYO HAVE PUT EXTREME
PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO AGREE TO BILATERAL
EC-JAPANESE DECLARATION. VAN LENNEP SAYS THAT FRENCH
HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING OTHER EC PARTNERS TO INSTRUCT
THEIR TOKYO AMBASSADORS SIMILARLY, AND YOSHINO SAYS THAT
JAPAN IS ON POINT OF CAPITULATING TO THIS DESIRE.

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HE MAINTAINS THAT HE AND MANY OTHER JAPANESE WOULD PREFER

ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN LARGER
MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK.

3. FRENCH PERMREP TO OECD VALERY SAYS THAT COURSE BEING
NAVIGATED IS NOT EXCLUSIVE FANTASY OF MINISTER JOBERT,
AND THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS SUBSTANTIALLY ADOPTED
NEW FOREIGN POLICY LINE. PRESIDENT WOULD SUPPORT JOBERT'S
IDEA OF FRENCH-LED COMMUNITY MAKING BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS
WITH U.S., JAPAN, CANADA, AND EVEN CHINA.

4. COMMENT: YOSHINO SAYS INCLINATION HIS AUTHORITIES
TO ACCEPT EC-JAPANESE BILATERAL DECLARATION ATTRIBUTABLE
PARTLY TO THEIR FEELING THAT USGG EITHER INDIFFERENT
OR ACTUALLY PREFERS IT THAT WAY. WE ARE AWARE OF DIVERSE
FACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES WITHIN JAPAN ITSELF, AND
IT IS UNCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT YOSHINO ACTUALLY
REFLECTS TOKYO SITUATION. GIVEN JAPANESE HESITATIONS AND THEIR
IMPRESSION THAT USG VACILLATING BETWEEN 3-4 WAYS OF "SOMEHOW
ASSOCIATING" JAPAN IN CURRENT U.S.-EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS OF PRIN-
CIPLES, ROAD IS OPEN TO EXERTION OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

5. I BELIEVE THAT VAN LENNEP'S CONCERN EXPLAINABLE IN PART BECAUSE
HE FEARS THAT NETHERLANDS MAY ALSO BE CRACKING UNDER PRESSURE FROM
OTHER EC MEMBERS (SS THE HAGUE'S 5198, PARA 3-4) TO LOOSEN MULTI-
LATERAL (READ "U.S.") TIES.

6. IT IS BECAUSE OF HIS ANXIETY ABOUT DRIFT TOWARD BLOCS AND
BILATERALISM, HE SAYS, THAT VAN LENNEP WOULD LIKE TO SEE STOESSEL
OR SECRETARY (AS I HAVE MENTIONED BY PHONE).

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